

Getting Started with COMFEN

Abstract

The tutorial will help the users to understand the process and application of COMFEN. The purpose of using COMFEN is to explore different options in fenestration design, as well as to compare the benefits of different fenestration product options.

COMFEN can be used at the early phases of the daylighting design. Without knowing much architectural details, a lighting engineer is able to complete a flexible fenestration façade design and glazing, frame system and shading system selections. COMFEN can also be used to determine building orientation and energy savings at an early stage of architectural design in order to incorporate sustainability early on in the design process.

The official COMFEN website (<http://windows.lbl.gov/software/comfen/comfen.html>) provide the latest version of the program, as well as notes released with each version informing about their new features and changes from the previous version.

Step 1

Click on “GET A COPY OF COMFEN 4” to download the latest version of COMFEN and install it on your personal computer.

- [**GET A COPY of COMFEN 4**](#)
(Download the program)

Step 2

Click on “DOCUMENTATION” to follow the tutorials provided by the website if you are new to the program.

- [**DOCUMENTATION**](#)
(Tutorial and PDF file of draft documentation explaining how to use COMFEN)

Step 3

Now you can start to use COMFEN on your BIM project!